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Missouri State Board of Education
c/o Ms. Constance Rush, Director of Governmental Affairs
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Dear Members of the Missouri State Board of Education:

As part of the House Bill 1490, 2014 (HB 1490) implementation process, the State Board of Education was charged with soliciting comments and feedback from the Joint Committee on Education regarding the academic performance Standards or learning Standards produced by the HB 1490 workgroups (160.514, RSMo). The Joint Committee on Education (JCED) acknowledges that the State Board did in fact solicit the comments and feedback of the JCED.

Because the law does not specify a format for offering comments or feedback, Chairman David Wood in consultation with the JCED membership, decided that a collection of unedited written comments from individual JCED members would serve as the response to the Board's solicitation. During the month of November, 2015, members of the JCED examined the Standards using various tools including curricular crosswalk documents provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. No written comments or feedback on the Standards were offered by the members of the JCED by the submission deadline. The absence of comments should not be interpreted positively or negatively or as an endorsement or rejection of the standards produced by the workgroups.

Chairman Wood would like to take this opportunity to encourage the State Board of Education to hold the hard work of the workgroups in serious regard. Additionally, Representative Wood urges the Board to verify the continuity of the groups' work by causing cross curricular connections to be produced and examined.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kevin D. Gwaltney'.

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